

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 329
By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Authur Sim Holmon for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their many endeavors are credits to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Authur Sim Holmon, the 1996 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Authur is a 1963 graduate of Tennessee State University, where he was a standout wide receiver; and

WHEREAS, his talents were so great, that he was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings; and

WHEREAS, he was forced into an early retirement from his football career due to an injury; he then began a career with the Memphis City Schools; and

WHEREAS, Authur Holmon worked expertly at Lester High School in various positions, including assistant football coach, head track coach, chairman of the Social Studies department and administrative assistant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmon came to then Memphis State University as the Associate Dean of Students for Minority Affairs in 1972, where he lent his incredible talents to such noteworthy causes as helping to establish the Gospel Choir in the Music Department, serving as the advisor to the Black Student Association and contributing to the creation of the Society of Black Engineers in the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmon is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous civic and social organizations such as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the Tennessee State University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Dean Holmon is known as an outstanding advisor, a good friend, an exemplary role model and a deeply concerned community advocate, his mission transcending race, gender and all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmon exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Authur Holmon for dedication to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dean Authur Holman on receiving the prestigious Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Lifetime Achievement Award and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Dean Holman with this final clause omitted from such copy.